

Key Vocabulary

Birthday, waiting, wreath, celebrate, Christmas, Advent, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, swaddling clothes, manger, crib, shepherds, wisemen



PSHE links

Difference & Diversity, Being me, Exploring emotions, Relationships, Being responsible

COME & SEE



Class 1



Prayer

Today a Saviour is born! In the stillness of the night God enters human history through the birth of his only Son. He is our peace and hope. In him we praise God for his goodness to us in giving us so great a gift. Amen.

Hail Mary

Why do we celebrate birthdays?

Church Teaching

What people do during Advent

Advent is a time for getting ready for Christmas (Advent Wreath)

A special season of longing and waiting for Jesus' birth at Christmas

The Nativity story



Key Questions

- How many candles are on the Advent Wreath?
- What colours are the candles?
- Can you see the Advent Calendar?



Love plays a huge part in celebrating the birth of Jesus. Including the preparations and customs such as sending cards to friends, buying presents, choosing special food.

Prior knowledge

Children will have experience of celebrating birthdays.

How do you celebrate Christmas and the birth of baby Jesus?

Luke 2: 8-20

The Shepherds On the night when Jesus was born, there were some shepherds in a field nearby looking after their sheep. Suddenly there was light everywhere and a messenger from God appeared. The shepherds were terrified, but the messenger said, "Don't be afraid! God has sent me to bring you news of great joy. This is a special night for everyone on earth. Tonight a baby called Jesus has been born in Bethlehem. You will find him wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Then the shepherds could hear the sound of many voices praising God. "Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth." The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem to see this wonderful thing." So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. They told everyone what had happened and everyone was amazed. Mary remembered all this and thought about it often. The shepherds went back praising and thanking God, for all they had seen and heard.

